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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0066] with the following amended paragraph:

[0066] Although connectors 7 and 23 are described as the primary LAN 22 channel for downloading to MPU 1 by UDK 2, their communication function can also be carried out by infrared communication ports built into MPU 1 and UDK 2 as is illustrated in FIG. 18. As shown in FIGS. 18 (a) and 18 (b) respectively, MPU 1 is equipped with infrared (IrDa) communications port 135, while LAN 22 is equipped with a matching IrDa port 137. Note that although infrared ports 135 and 137 are more expensive than connectors 7 and 23, the former do not require a precise alignment of the communicating devices and, therefore, are frequently utilized in PDAs for the purposes of communicating with downloading stations. Ports 135 and 137 allow UDK 2 to download MPU 1 through two-way infrared channel 136. Moreover, a commercial wireless PDA equipped with an infrared port 135 can function as MPU 1, provided it is downloaded by PC 21 not only with encryption key 82 and/or bingo pack 43 but also with the above-described executable program for playing casino games and such downloading is performed via an infrared communication port. Note that techniques of downloading executable files from a stationary device into a portable device are well known and not explained herein. Therefore, an opportunity for a player to bring to the casino a favorite PDA and use it as a personal slot machine may be very attractive for some casinos because it decreases the cost of owning and maintaining the rental fleet of MPU 1 devices.